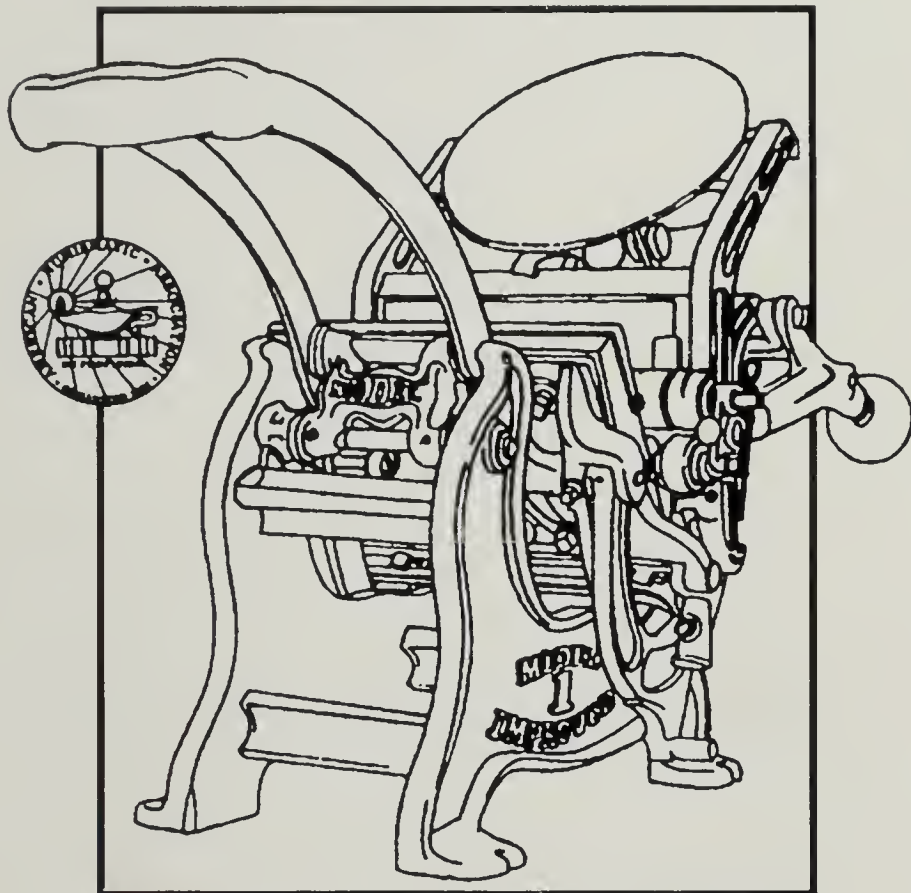


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# Presidential Commentary

Roger Winkelhake

We just returned from a great ANA in Chicago. Your organization was well represented at the convention. A majority of the officers and board members were present.

Jerry Lebo along with Fran and Ray Lockwood did a great job in running the CSNS booth at the ANA.

Congratulations to Karen and Jim Jach, our editors, on winning another first place award from ANA for *The Centinel*.

Congratulations to the new officers and board members of ANA who were installed at the banquet on August 14, 1999. Bob Campbell is the new President and Helen Carmody-Lebo is the new Vice-President.

Ken Hallenbeck was a well-deserving recipient of the Faran Zerbe award.

I am writing this report just prior to the fall convention at the Drawbridge in Fort Mitchell, KY on September 10-12. Actions taken by your Board of Directors will be reported in the next issue of *The Centinel*. Many thanks to Paul Padgett for hosting the fall meeting.

Kevin Foley and Jerry Lebo have been busy planning for our Spring 2000 Convention in Minneapolis. The convention will be held at the Minneapolis Convention Center on May 4-7, 2000. I hope that you will make plans to attend the convention.

Kevin Foley has successfully negotiated a contract with the St. Louis Convention Center for our Spring 2003 Convention. The convention will be held the first weekend in May. Special thanks to Rob Green, our legal counsel, for his special efforts in reviewing the convention center contract.

As mentioned in the last issue of *The Centinel*, we look forward to working with Heritage Numismatic Auctions of Dallas, TX as our auctioneers for the next three spring CSNS conventions.

See you in Minneapolis.

Roger Winkelhake  
President

## In Memoriam

The Board and membership of the Society join in extending our heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of the following members who passed away recently.

|       |                          |                   |
|-------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| L 079 | Michael L. Kohlman ..... | Parma Hts OH      |
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# In Memoriam

## Michael L. Kohlman

*Michael L. Kohlman, age 56, passed away July 12 in Parma, Ohio.*

*He was president of CSNS 1988-1990 and held life membership No. 79.*

*He is survived by his wife Rose, two daughters, Kathleen Hengst and Christine Kohlman, and his son Michael F. Kohlman.*

*The Central States Numismatic Society extends its sincere heartfelt sympathy to his family.*

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# A Message from the Secretary

Jerry Lebo

The ANA in Chicago was super (and tiring.) We'll write more about it later in this column.

We regretfully report the passing of former Central States President Mike Kolhman. Mike died July 12 in Parma, Ohio. at the age of 56. He was CSNS president during the 1988-90 term. Mike held CSNS life membership No. 79. Our condolences go to his widow, Rose, and the rest of the family.

Most of you know by now that Grover Criswell died this past April 8 in Florida. Although better known for his activities in ANA, Grover supported CSNS and many other organizations as well. He held life member number 122 in CSNS after joining way back in 1962. I'll remember him for the good times he shared with me and others at Central States and Indiana State shows during the 1980s. Illness curtailed much of his activities in recent years.

We also must report the death of Bob Young of Indianapolis. Bob was an activist in the Indianapolis Coin Club, including stints as editor and treasurer.

Congratulations to CSNS Vice President Ray Lockwood and CSNS member Bob Julian for being selected to the review committee for Indiana's design in the 50-State Quarter program. The committee had its first meeting in late June and should be reviewing submissions by the fall. The Indiana reverse is due in the year 2002.

If your state design has not yet been chosen, you might want to lobby state government to get qualified numismatists involved. That's what happened in Indiana, and it worked with the inclusion of Ray and Bob on the committee.

Our CSNS fall convention was scheduled during September in conjunction with Paul Padget's Drawbridge show south of Cincinnati. Because of publishing deadlines, we won't be able to report on the convention until the next issue of the Centinel.

Meanwhile, CSNS is being represented at a good number of conventions during the coming months. We had a booth at the ANA show in Chicago, of course. Yours truly and wife Helen attended the Blue Ridge show in Georgia, and also were scheduled for Long Beach in September. My travels also included the Illinois State show in October, while Ray and Fran Lockwood were scheduled to be at the Ohio State show in September and the Michigan State show in late November. Helen and I will be at the FUN show in January and again at Long Beach in February. Governor Brian Fanton will man a CSNS table at the Iowa State show during November.

Two corrections are necessary for items in the preceding issue of *The Centinel*. The first error was simply a typo, but a pretty substantial one at that. The



bottom line of the annual treasurer's report showed assets at \$14,431.80, when in fact it should have said \$114,431.80. The absence of that one digit makes a huge difference! The other error was contained in the call for nomination of candidates. It stated all adult members in good standing are eligible for office. It should have said only individuals in the 13-state CSNS region may hold office.

There have been several attempts to eliminate that restriction. The general feeling is that it would become too expensive to have officers from outside the region on the board. CSNS pays travel expenses for all board members attending the fall convention and board meeting. Such a restriction is not uncommon among hobby groups. I know of several state organizations that limit seats on their governing boards to individuals living within their state.

At any rate, our biennial election process is about to begin. Any member in good standing can nominate candidates who live in the 13-state region. Nominations must be in my hands no later than Oct. 31. Nominees then have until Dec. 1 to accept. These deadlines are absolute. Election ballots will be mailed early in March. The new board takes office during the anniversary convention in Minneapolis next May 6.

Now, as promised, here are some comments about the ANA convention. The good news is that there are plenty of activities. The bad news is that there are only 24 hours in a day. Nighttime events followed by morning breakfasts leave insufficient time for sleeping. That can be typical for any convention, but ANA runs a few days more than most events.

CSNS Vice President Ray Lockwood and wife Fran helped run our club booth, doing an outstanding job in recruiting new members and renewing a few who had slipped by the wayside. All but two of our board members made it to Chicago. In fact, President Roger Winkelhake was able to conduct a "sort of" board meeting, which consisted of finding most of the board members individually and getting their approval for CSNS to conduct its 2003 convention in St. Louis. Time was of the essence as the St. Louis convention center demanded a yes or no by the following week. Otherwise, the dates would have gone to another group.

Incidentally, President Winkelhake and his wife, Iris, celebrated their 33rd wedding anniversary during the ANA. Congratulations!

One other note about the ANA convention. CSNS issued an elongated cent to commemorate the event. Turns out all 1,000 pieces have an error on them. You'll see on our logo that appears several places in this issue that each state is identified with lettering. The proof (large picture on paper) of the Chicago elongated looked just fine, but apparently the die cutter later erred, identifying Indiana as Illinois and Illinois as Indiana on the finished product.

I'll not go into more details about the ANA convention. There's simply too many activities. I will, however, talk about the post-convention journey made



by Helen, me and several hundred other people to Iola, Wis., home of Krause Publications.

The event was Krause's "Day in the Country," which the *Numismatic News* publisher sponsors every few years. About 100 of us rode a refurbished train to Wisconsin. The train is owned by a friend of Chet Krause. The trip on the Central Wisconsin Railroad tracks took more than seven hours. Those who drove to Iola were able to make the trip in nearly half the time. Passenger trains don't run as fast as they did 40 years ago. They also must pull onto sidings and yield to freight trains (an event that occurred three times en route to Iola.)

We stayed Sunday and Monday nights in a motel, then returned to Chicago via the train on Tuesday. The actual "Day in the Country" was Monday. It opened with coffee and pastries at the Krause plant, followed by a tour of the facility. After lunch, the guests divided into groups for such activities as golf, fishing, a boat ride, a brewery tour and a look at Chet Krause's fabulous collection of antique cars and military vehicles.

We opted for the antique cars. Helen later prevailed upon NN Editor Dave Harper for a quick tour of Iola. About 10 of us boarded a vintage 1937 open air bus for a tour that lasted an hour and a half, including a stop for ice cream. We also viewed a vacant lot which was once home to a quarter block of buildings that burned earlier this year. Dave Harper is also president of the Village of Iola, so he was able to offer considerable insight into anticipated plans for new construction on the downtown site.

Dinner followed under the huge tent set up next to the Thorson House on the Krause grounds.

All in all, it was a pleasurable experience to say the least.

In closing this column, I would like to extend special thanks to Leon and Hamie Hendrickson of Silver Towne and Cliff Mishler, who retires January 1 as president of Krause Publications. Leon and Hamie provided an electric scooter that Helen rode during the ANA convention, while Cliff secured a wheelchair for her use during our Iola visit. Helen has been troubled with sciatica, a painful nerve condition in the leg. Thanks so much, Leon, Hamie and Cliff!!!

Jerry Lebo  
Secretary-Treasurer

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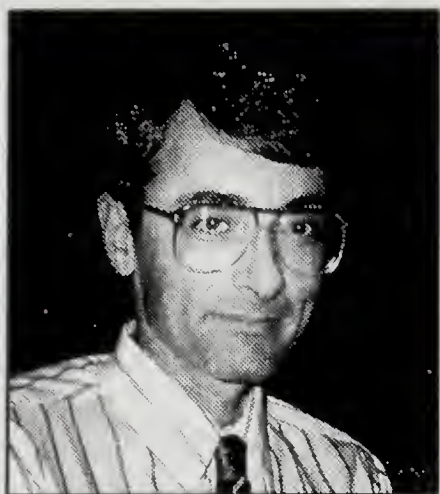
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# American Bank Note Company

## Issues in Russia

by Michael Haritonov

During World War I, the last Russian Czar, Nicholas II was deposed and by February 1917 the so called Russian Provisional Government had taken power. Deep financial crisis and inflation was rampant, and as a result, there was a great demand for a large amount of new bank notes. The Russian Provisional Government solicited printers in London, Paris and New York for a new series of bank notes and state loan certificates. An order was eventually placed with the American Bank Note Company of New York. The series of new credit notes was to consist of 50 Kopeks ND, 25, 50, 100, 250, 500 and 1000 Rubles 1918 (PS828, P38 through 40, 40A, 40B, and 40C). The 50 Kopeks ND, 25 Rubles 1918, 100 Rubles 1918 and some loan certificates were printed first, and shipped to the Russian seaport of Vladivostok in the Far East. This was the safest means of transport at this time, since the German Navy was operating in the Baltic Region. The notes would then have to travel by rail to the Capital at St. Petersburg. However; by the time the notes had arrived in Vladivostok, the Russian Provisional Government had been overthrown by the Bolshevik party (Communists) lead by Lenin. The Russian Provisional Government had lasted only 7 months. Since most of the territories did not recognize the new Bolshevik government, the notes remained in storage in the Far East. Meanwhile, the new Bolshevik government had quite a differing view on the problem of state debt. In December 1917, all debts and obligations, both external and internal were cancelled. Further, the order with American Bank Note Company was terminated and as a result the 50 Rubles 1918, 250 Rubles 1918, 500 Rubles 1918 and 1000 Rubles 1918 notes were never printed. They exist only as Specimens and Proofs. Until recently, they have been considered extremely rare (P39, 40A, 40B, 40C). Recently, with some specimens and proofs from the American Banknote Company archives finding there way to the market place, it has been possible to find the set of 4 notes for about \$4,500.

It is interesting to note that the vignette depicted at the center of the 100 Rubles note (P40) is Ceres, an allegorical figure representing Agriculture. This vignette was very popular and was used widely by ABNC. In its earliest form, it can be found on: the Columbia 50 Pesos, 1 October 1881 note issued by "Banco Hipotecario" (PS514) and later overprinted by the Banco Nacional as a Provisional issue (PS639); the Ecuador 10 Pesos, 2 January 1880 note issued by "Banco de Quito" (PS243); the Guatemala 25 Pesos, ND (ca. 1888) bank note issued by "Tesoreria Nacional de Guatemala"; the Haiti 2 Gourdes, Loi du 6 October 1884 note (P78); the Mexico 10 Pesos, 1897-1913 note issued by

“Banco de San Luis Potosi” (PS400), the Nicaragua 50 Pesos, 6 November 1888 note issued by “Banco Agricola-Mercantil” (PS111); and the Venezuela 30 Bolivares, 188x note issued by “Banco de Carabobo” (PS102). A little later, this vignette was modified slightly and it is the modified version that is found on the 100 Rubles note, as well as on: the Costa Rica 100 Pesos, 1 July 1887 note issued by “El Banco de la Union” (PS227); and the Ecuador 5 Sucres 1928-1938 note (P84). On the 25 Rubles note (P38) is the allegorical figure representing Commerce.

Shortly after the Bolsheviks (Communists) took power, Russian Civil War broke out and the immense empire split up into innumerable states, autonomies, independent territories, cities, districts, and villages with their own governments and money. The paper money that was in circulation in these territories of the former empire in 1917 - 1924 has been catalogued to include more than 2 thousand different notes. The delivered American Bank Note Company notes and loan certificates were eventually utilized in Siberia and the Russian Far East by local Territorial Governments.

In November 1918, Admiral Alexander Kolchack became dictator of the state situated in Ural, Siberia, and the Far East with the capital in Omsk city. The state that he ruled had an area which was larger in size than the whole of Western Europe. Amongst the bank notes that were placed into circulation in this territory was the “Treasury Token” 50 Kopecks ND (1919) (PS828) originally printed by the American Banknote Company and shipped to Vladivostok for the Russian Provisional Government. Additionally, the constant money shortage forced the Kolchack Government to utilize both the certificates of the state internal 4.5 % lottery loan of 1917 and the loan’s torn-off coupons, which were originally printed for the Russian Provisional Government, as bank notes. All of these certificates and coupons were produced by ABNC (PS881 - PS892). Usually, a stamp of the local branch of the State bank that issued the given note was placed on the obverse. The standard catalog of world paper money by A. Pick volume 1, 7th edition lists notes with the Irkutsk Branch stamp only; however, there also exists 4 more branches that stamped bank notes as well: (Blagoveshchensk, Chita, Krasnoyarsk, and Vladivostok - all of which are listed in the 1995 Russian Catalogue by Peter Ryabchenko as R8551 - 8558a). Later, a 5% short-term obligation certificate, 5000 Rubles 1920 which was to be put into circulation as a bank note was to be ordered from the American Bank Note Company (PS870A) by the Kolchak Government. But by the end of 1919, the Bolsheviks defeated Kolchack’s regime, and the note was never printed, other than a small number of “Specimens”. The Bolsheviks (Communists) cancelled all Kolchack issued money with the exception of the certificates and tear-off coupons of internal 4.5% lottery loan of 1917 produced by ABNC. To distinguish the loan-certificate money issued by the new communist power from the previous Kolchack issued loan-certificate money, a large ornate stamp includ-



ing the date 1920, hammer, sickle and appropriate texts was placed on the obverse.

As to why the Bolsheviks did not withdraw these loan-certificates being utilized as money from circulation, it can only be speculated that it was because they were regarded highly by the population because they were well printed, of solid design and large in size. However, it's possible as well, that there was a large reserve of the certificates still available.

In 1918 the French military mission and the leaders of the Vladivostok branch of the Indo-China Bank requested Alexander Kolchack's permission to issue "Allied money". It was planned for the new currency to be fixed to the French franc in the ratio of 1 Ruble for 0.6 Franc. The plan was approved by Kolchack and then the French Minister of Finance. The American Bank Note Company was to produce the following bank notes: 5, 25, 100 and 500 Rubles. In August 1919, the General Manager of American Bank Note Company presented Specimens to be approved by the leaders of the Indo-China Bank. But on November 1st, the Communists captured Omsk city. The status had changed and it was decided not to put the bank notes in circulation. The Indo-China Bank notes bear Russian and French text. They exist as Specimens only. The set of 4 bank notes of the Indo-China bank has recently been showing up for about \$5,000.

By 1920 the "Far East Provisional Government" controlled Vladivostok and adjoining maritime regions. The series of paper money circulated included bank notes produced by American Bank Note Company: 50 Kopeks ND (1920) (PS1244), 25 Rubles 1918 (1920) (PS1248), 100 Rubles 1918 (1920) (PS1249). The characteristic that distinguished these notes from the notes printed for the Russian Provisional Government notes (P-38 and P40) and the Kolchack Government issued note (PS828) is the addition of 2 signatures placed on the reverse. In the same year the "Far East Republic" was organized from the territories of Amur, part of Pribaikalie (Near Baikal Lake) and Vladivostok regions with the capital in Verkhne-Udinsk (now Ulan-Ude), and later Chita city. Two American bank notes 25 Rubles 1918(1921) (PS1213) and 100 Rubles 1918 (1921) (PS1214) were used within the territory. These notes bear a circular red or bronze stamp with words "Far East Republic" on the back. There exists one more 25 Rubles 1918 (1921) (R10556B) note considered to belong to the Far East Republic bank note series. The characteristic of this note is the date is overprinted with black. Obviously the overprinting was the first attempt to issue bank notes with some distinctive feature. Additionally, one can find the 25 and 100 Rubles 1918 (1920) (PS1196, PS1197) as money of the Pribaikal Region. The words "Provisional Power of the Pribaikal Region" are part of the large stamp placed on the back of these bank notes.

There is one more well known bank note series produced by ABNC. Although the Pick catalogue listed the notes under "China", these are usually included in a collection of Russian bank notes. It is the Harbin issue. In 1897,



Russia began to construct the “China Eastern Railway”, to shorten the journey across Russia from the European part to the Far East. Simultaneously, Harbin city was founded. Many Russian workers, engineers and their families lived there. However; when the Bolsheviks captured Siberia and the Far East, Russian population in Harbin grew considerably more. Thousands of Russian emigrants which struggled against the Communists came there. They used the bank notes of the Russo-Asiatic Bank 50 Kopeks ND, 1, 3, 10, 100 Rubles ND (PS473, PS 474, PS475, PS476, PS478). These reasonably priced and available notes depict a steam locomotive.

So, in 1918 - 1920 notes printed by the American Bank Note Company had been widely circulating in the Eastern part of Russia. The population trusted in the beautiful and well made bills, even though they were often guaranteed with nothing but a leaders’ promises. Most of the mentioned bank notes are inexpensive.

The author appreciates any comments, opinions and additional information. Many of the mentioned papers are presented in the free pricelist. Please write to: Michael Haritonov, P.O. Box 1436 244020 SUMY, UKRAINE.

References for bank notes not listed in the Pick catalogues are taken from “The Complete Catalogue of Russian Paper Money and Bills 1769 - 1994” by Peter Ryabchenko, Kyiv 1995, designated by the prefix “R.”

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# Dennis Rodman's Nickel and the King of Siam's Dollar

by Robert D. Leonard Jr.

Within two small rooms in The Mandalay Bay Resort and Casino at the south end of "the Strip," where the Hacienda used to be, is the most eye-popping display of U.S. numismatic material I have ever seen. On April 17, Florence Schook and I toured the Treasures of Mandalay Bay Museum as the guests of Irma Kane, Director of Operations.

We were given individual audio tour devices that looked like double-length TV remote controls, containing a script prepared by Q. David Bowers and narrated by John O'Hurley of *Seinfeld*. To hear the explanation for a case one simply punched in its number and listened. The security guard advised that they were a little temperamental, and I found that I had to push the numbered keys very firmly, as he said, to get mine to play. While totally professional, I thought that the narration was rather long. It consisted mostly of historical background material that I already knew, with little on the specific items in the cases, so I stopped listening after the first couple of cases. But for a noncollector (or spouse), it is excellent.

Probably the highlight of the exhibit is the 1834 King of Siam proof set containing the 1804 restrike dollar and eagle (for purists, the dollar is a "novodel," not a restrike, since 1804-dated dollars were not struck in 1804.) It is displayed on a rotating hexagonal platform somewhat similar to the way the Crown Jewels used to be shown in the Tower of London. The coins themselves come by slowly, singly or in pairs, at eye level, in their PCGS® "King of Siam" holders, while on one of the panels below is the original case, on another a color photograph of the coins in the case prior to slabbing, and on a third an original ships' log from 1835. (The dollar now exhibits a spot of black tarnish between the Y of LIBERTY and the adjacent star which is not present in the pre-slab photograph of several years ago, and generally looks darker.)

Almost hidden off to the left and low enough that I had to stoop slightly to see it is one of the four known 1913 Liberty Head nickels (the fifth disappeared in the 1960's and its present whereabouts is unknown). Besides the level, the lighting is rather annoyingly dim here, and I had to move around to see the date clearly. We were told in the coin shop outside that this specimen is the property of basketball star Dennis Rodman (!) and is on loan to the museum. Since Dennis's former agent is ex-coin dealer Dwight Manley and he can certainly afford it, this is undoubtedly true.

Other cases show rare and unique Nevada bank notes, beautifully displayed in vertical Lucite® holders. Photographs of old bank buildings, banking ephem-



era, and a 1909 calendar from a Nevada bank are in and around the cases. Two small gold bars and several enormous nuggets are mixed in with the paper money. One case has two immense silver ingots nearly the size of shoe boxes, with the original labels and revenue stamps still affixed. A collection of CC mintmarked coins from the Carson City, Nevada, Mint fills another case, all high grade pieces in slabs, together with an original document of the Carson City mint. They are displayed with the obverse facing the viewer, so that almost the only "CC" visible is on the PCGS labels.

While I found this peculiar, I was more annoyed with this obverse-only showing of an 1848 CAL quarter eagle and 1861 Philadelphia Mint Pacquet reverse double eagle, both in monster gem condition. Here are two coins that one seldom or never sees—and the distinguishing feature is the unique reverse design; we would know what they were in each case without seeing the date at all. The 1848 CAL quarter eagle slab is mounted vertically in a little Lucite stand, and I was able to see enough of the (inverted) reverse in the dim light to tell that there were some letters above the eagle, but the Pacquet reverse was flat against the case. Sigh.

Another highlight is a beautifully-lighted Ultra High Relief 1907 (MCMVII) Saint Gaudens double eagle. Often considered the most beautiful U.S. coin, it proved to be impractical to strike; only 15 patterns like this are known (in 1997 one brought \$660,000 at auction). Half a dozen Wells Fargo Hoard 1908 No Motto pieces are displayed in another part of the museum. This huge hoard, of boldly struck, pristine coins had been stored in a branch of the Wells Fargo Bank in Nevada for many decades. Like the Ultra High Relief example, they lack the motto "In God We Trust," but are in normal low relief for circulation.

An original banker's coin tray is shown in another case, complete with many silver dollars and 19th century gold coins of various denominations, each in their respective slots. An open compartment in the center is filled with nuggets and miscellaneous small gold coins waiting to be sorted.

Western assay bars are a particular interest of mine in the wake of the recent controversy stirred up by Ted Buttrey and the rebuttals by John Ford and Michael Hodder, so I was especially glad to see a unique \$20.21 bar of unparted silver and gold of Van Wyck & Co., Assayers, Virginia, N.T. (Virginia City, Nevada Territory, the metropolis of the Comstock Lode). It looked absolutely genuine to me. Accompanying it are several original documents of early Nevada assayers, though Van Wyck & Co. is not represented.

The museum's collection is continually being increased, and treasure from the "Brother Jonathan" and other items have been added since my visit.

This fabulous collection is the property of Ron Gillio and Greg Roberts, aside from the loan of Dennis Rodman's nickel. They are to be commended for making it available to the public. Outside, in the tiny associated coin shop, the Museum Store, are ANA membership application brochures piled on the counter,

so they are doing their part to boost interest in numismatics and strengthen our national association. They also sell a variety of numismatic items from off-center Lincoln cents to \$500 bills and U.S. gold coins, plus a small selection of Q. David Bowers books and the ANA video, "Money—History in Your Hands."

The prices were high by coin show standards, but not by casino gift shop standards. The \$500 bills were priced at \$1500, small U.S. gold ran from the low \$300's up to \$1300 for an MS 63 Saint Gaudens \$20, and small California gold nuggets were \$50/gram. There were larger Alaska, California, and Nevada nuggets available too. For junior collectors a selection of world paper money in paper window envelopes is presented in a "treasure chest." Beautifully-framed collections of U.S. and world coins could be purchased at \$70 up; I was particularly tempted by a display of five medieval and early modern silver Silk Road coins with reproduction of an antique map and associated historical and numismatic information for \$135.

All in all, this is a "don't miss" experience for any student of U.S. numismatics. The museum is located near the casino entrance, to the right as you come in from outside, and is open from 9 am to midnight daily, including holidays. Admission is \$6 for adults, children under 12 free. Tickets are available at the Mandalay Bay box office or Museum Store.

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Each year the American Numismatic Association awards special honors to many young numismatists. One very special honor is that of the Outstanding Young Numismatist of the year. ANA member clubs may nominate YN's who have given service to numismatics or educational groups, published papers including those printed in local publications, and enthusiasm for the hobby and leadership in local numismatics.

Justin Perrault was awarded this special honor this year. Justin is a member of several coin clubs including the Central States Numismatic Society (CSNS), the Milwaukee Numismatic Society (MNS), Numismatists of Wisconsin (NOW), and the American Numismatic Association (ANA). During a recent interview, Justin thanked the MNS for nominating him for this award. "I would like to thank Mr. John Wilson and Mr. Tom Casper of the MNS for nominating me. I would also like to extend my thanks to Mr. Anthony Swiatek of the ANA, Mr. Cliff Mishler of Krause Publications, and Mr. Jerry Swanson who is Regional Coordinator, for all of their support. It is indeed a great honor to me to have been selected the ANA Outstanding Young Numismatist."



*Justin Perrault*

Justin lives in Colgate, Wisconsin and has contributed to both the collecting and non-collecting community. He has served for three years as a chairperson of the Boy Scout Coin Collecting Merit Badge Clinic which the MNS organizes and runs each year. His organizational skills have come in handy as his tasks include planning and leading much of the clinic. He recruits MNS members to assist with the clinic and solicits donations for door prizes. In addition to the time and commitment Justin contributes to the coin clinic each year, he is also the Assistant Editor of the MNS monthly newsletter and has written many articles. Justin also enjoys giving talks at the monthly MNS meetings during "show and tell" time. He has also presented a number of award winning exhibits at local and regional coin shows.

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A coin collector for seven years, Justin attended the 1998 ANA Summer Seminar in Colorado Springs, CO on an ANA scholarship that was funded by proceeds from the 1997 YN Benefit Auction. He took the class "Flying Eagle, Indian Head and Lincoln Cents." He attended the 1999 ANA Summer Seminar

after being awarded a scholarship from the Central States Numismatic Society. The course which he took this year was "U.S. Coin Grading." The CSNS can be pleased with selecting and sending such a fine young man to the seminar and in particular, representing the CSNS. On Thursday evening, during this year's ANA seminar, a banquet was held which was the culmination of the week long events. Justin said, "Much to my surprise, I was awarded the Outstanding Young Numismatist for 1999. Mr. John Wilson presented the award to me in which I received a special plaque and an all-expense paid scholarship to next year's ANA Summer Seminar. I was thoroughly surprised to have received this award which is a great honor for me. Once again, thank you to everyone who supported me and thanks to the ANA for selecting me, for this extraordinary award."

A superior student at Germantown High School, Justin is a senior this year. He has participated in Marching Band, Pep Band, the golf team and is a member of Future Business Leaders of America and the Key Club. He has traveled to Australia and New Zealand as a student ambassador with the "People to People" program and this past summer traveled to France with five other students from his high school French class. In October he will travel to Washington D.C. and attend a Youth Leadership Forum on Law. Justin's long term goal is to become a lawyer. While at the forum he will explore the legal profession. Myriad career choices become apparent to the students through discussions with distinguished legal scholars and practitioners, participation in seminars on current legal issues and visits to some of the nation's top law schools, Washington law firms, local and federal courtrooms and the United States Supreme Court. This forum will provide Justin with the opportunity to study the contemporary legal profession. Outside of school Justin volunteers his time through his church and with the local food pantry.

All collectors could learn a thing or two from Justin Perrault, who seems to have found a happy balance of hobby, school and family. The ANA has most certainly chosen an excellent representative as the Outstanding Young Numismatist for 1999. Congratulations Justin!

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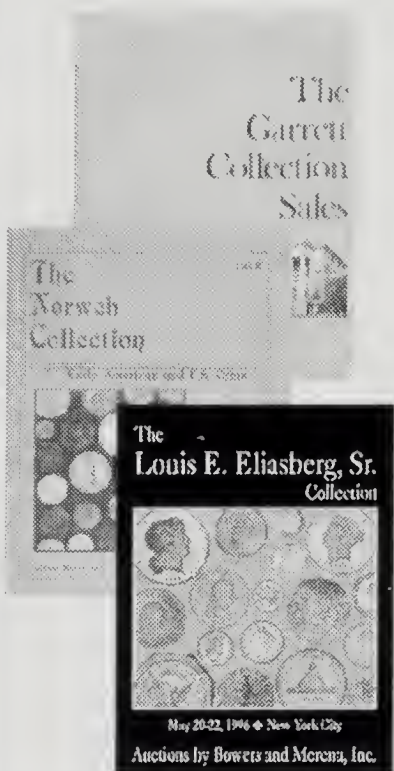
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# Elgin Monument Still Awaiting a Home

by S. Porter Logan

The 1936 Elgin, Ill., Centennial Half Dollar's reverse depicts a monument still waiting to happen. It's many blocks and thousands of dollars short of its intended home in that city's Davidson Park. Nearly \$600,000 short, in fact.

Plaster of paris forms languish in a house that once contained the studio of Trygve A. Rovelstad, who died in 1990 still trying to raise funds to complete his 12-foot high work of art.

It's now more than 60 years since Rovelstad began work on the monument, dubbed the Pioneer Memorial.

The Elgin Commemorative Coin is actually the result of Rovelstad's plan for the statue. The concept of a memorial for his hometown came first. He saw the issuance of a commemorative coin as a means of raising funds to erect the monument.

Working with L.W. Hoffecker, a coin dealer and businessman from El Paso, Texas, Rovelstad began lobbying for an Elgin Commemorative in 1935. Hoffecker had been a distributor for the Old Spanish Trail Commemorative coin of 1935.

Rovelstad also had a friend in Congressman Chauncy Reed, who encouraged the effort. Still, it wasn't until June of 1936 that Congress authorized the coin in legislation that also created the Albany and Gettysburg commemoratives.

Congress authorized up to 25,000 coins. Actually, 25,015 were made, with the 15 set aside for assay. Hoffecker, local banks and others were able to sell 20,000, with another 5,000 going back to the mint for melting.

The coins retailed for \$1.50 each. Rovelstad netted about \$8,000, which helped keep his monument dream going. Efforts to secure federal funding during the 1930s failed. He was still well short of the sum needed to finish the statue and move it to Davidson Park, site of a log cabin occupied by Elgin's founder, James Gifford.

The monument and the coin's reverse depict four people, representing pioneers who settled the Elgin area west of Chicago. The obverse depicts a pioneer man, also created by Rovelstad.

During the 1930s, the cost of completing the project was estimated as high as \$100,000. More recently, the figure is now pegged at \$600,000, according to Steve Youngren, president of the Pioneer Memorial Foundation. He says the foundation has raised only about \$20,000. Still, he is guardedly optimistic that a renewed effort will raise additional money. Whether the foundation can approach the \$600,000 figure is in question.

Youngren says it would cost about \$125,000 to cast the statue in bronze, and another \$125,000 for a granite base on which the work would be placed. There

are numerous other expenses anticipated, including the movement of the work to the park. However, the single most expensive item is a \$200,000 fee Rovelstad's family wants for the monument.

Meanwhile, the 12-foot high work resides in the house Rovelstad used for a studio, located next door to the home where he lived. The statue is painted gold, so at first glance one might think it's a finished product waiting for transport. In reality, it's plaster of paris that has chipped and cracked over the years. Rovelstad's widow, Gloria, was known to patch up the chips and cracks until failing health limited her mobility. She died this past August.

Nobody knows for sure what will happen to the uncompleted work. Only time will tell if sufficient funds can be raised to bring to fruition the dream Rovelstad took with him to his grave a decade ago.

For a more complete review of the Elgin coin and the monument, please see Q. David Bowers' 1992 book, *Commemorative Coins of the United States: A Complete Encyclopedia*.



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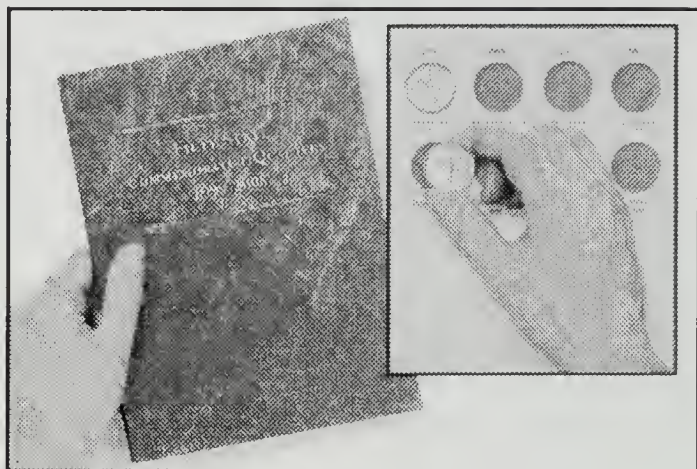
Two longtime collectors, Nevin Roberts and Bill Spratte, will assist in the shop.

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Following the practice of the Centennial Convention in 1991, a limited number of tokens were made of nickel-silver (100) and were given to the volunteer workers in appreciation of their support. And an even smaller number of medals (12) were struck in copper and were presented to those who chaired the various committees.

Only twenty sets of a seven-medal set is available for purchase by collectors and the Club still has a few sets in inventory. The set includes proof-like sterling silver, bronze, copper and nickel-silver tokens, plus antique finished bronze-copper and nickel-silver. It can be purchased for \$100.00 (\$105.00 by mail). All proceeds will go toward offsetting the cost of production. Checks should be made payable to Chicago Coin Club and sent to P.O. Box 2301, Chicago, IL 60690-2301.

This project was made possible with the encouragement and a financial contribution of the American Vecturist Association. Collectors of transit tokens, they also hold an annual convention and can be reached at P.O. Box 116, Wheeling, IL 60090-0116. Three complete sets of the medals will be set aside and presented to the archives of the participating organizations.

The Chicago Coin Club is now in it's 80th year and is made of collectors from all walks of life and a wide spectrum of vocations. They meet the second Wednesday of every month at the First National Bank Building (BankOne) in downtown Chicago. Over the years the group has produced a number of numismatic medals and souvenir cards.



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# Ute Wartenberg Appointed Executive Director

The American Numismatic Society is pleased to announce that Dr. Ute Wartenberg has been selected as the Society's next Executive Director. Dr. Wartenberg's appointment was confirmed by the ANS Council on June 12, following a search for candidates that began in March. The appointment is effective immediately.

Dr. Wartenberg comes to her new position with impressive credentials. Educated initially at Saarbrücken University where she studied history she went onto to Oxford University where she was a Rhodes Scholar from 1987-1990. She holds a PhD in Papyrology.

Dr. Wartenberg was appointed Assistant Keeper in the British Museum as Curator of Greek Coins in 1991, serving in that capacity for seven years. During that period she was responsible for oversight of and recommending acquisitions to the Museum's extensive collection of Greek coins; assisting in the design and installation of the Museum's permanent coin exhibit and other special exhibits; organizing the activities of volunteers associated with the Museum's coin department; and participating in the department's development activities. With her colleagues in Athens, she set up a successful Internet exhibit of Greek Coinage. Between 1994 and 1998, Dr Wartenberg held the position of Secretary of the British Academy *Sylloge Nummorum Graecorum* (SNG) Committee, in which capacity she served as Editor of *SNG Britain* and undertook the design and installation of the Academy's database for all British SNG projects.

Dr. Wartenberg is author or editor of six books on history, numismatics and papyrology, and author of numerous articles and reviews on numismatic subjects. She remains Editor of *Coin Hoards*, a publication of the Royal Numismatic Society that provides essential data on finds of coins within and outside of excavations.

Among her other interests. Dr. Wartenberg counts sports, modern art and travel. In her youth she participated in the Olympic pentathlon, and fenced at the expert level.

Dr. Wartenberg was appointed ANS Assistant Director in June of 1998, and Acting Executive Director on April 1, 1999, following the retirement of Leslie Elam.

In announcing the appointment, ANS President Arthur Houghton noted, "The American Numismatic Society is delighted to have been able to select, from a strong field of candidates, someone who has a strong background in areas of direct concern to the Society's future. Dr. Wartenberg brings to the Society's Executive Directorship a unique combination of museum experience, including experience in education and exhibition; scholarly achievement; and a deep understanding and appreciation for coins and numismatic objects. As the Society's

Assistant Director, and as Acting Executive Director since the beginning of April, she has worked closely with the ANS Council and staff to prepare for the Society's move to 140 William Street. We are delighted to have in Dr. Wartenberg the qualities of leadership and experience that will enable the Society to create a new future for itself in the 21st Century."

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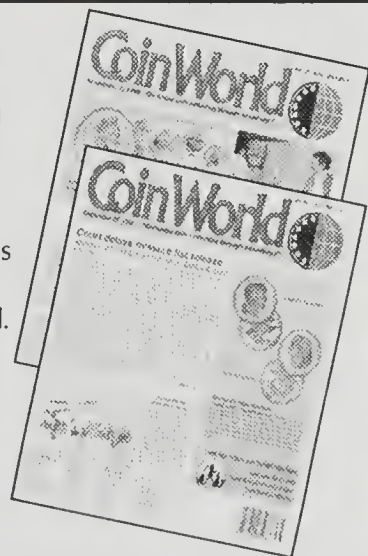
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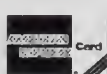
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Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 589, Milwaukee, WI 53201, phone 414-421-3498. Past president of CSNS and major show organizer. Programs on U.S. paper money, including national bank notes, fractional currency, large size notes and obsolete currency.

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Leon Hendrickson, P.O. Box 424, Winchester, IN 47394, phone 317-584-7481. Past president of CSNS and owner of SilverTowne. Programs on general numismatic topics.

Jerry Lebo, P.O. Box 841, Logansport, IN 46947, phone 219-753-2489. Current Secretary/Treasurer of CSNS and past president of Indianapolis Coin Club. Programs on general numismatic topics.

Ray Lockwood, 2075 E. Bocock Road, Marion, IN 46952, phone 765-664-6520. Current Vice President of CSNS and past president of Indiana State Numismatic Association. Programs on bimetallic coins, "birth-year" collecting and topics of interest to young numismatics.

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# ANA Convention Photos



*Chet Krause received the ANA's Numismatist of the Year Award. Presenting the award were ANA President Anthony Swiatek and Cliff Mishler.*



*Jim and Karen Jach, editors of The Centinel, accepted the 1st place award for outstanding regional numismatic publication at the ANA convention in Chicago. The presentation was made by regional coordinator Gar Travis.*



## ANA Convention Photos



*At the ANA convention in Chicago, Tom Casper received a 1st place award for his exhibit Gold Love Tokens. The presentation was made by H. Robert Campbell, newly elected ANA president.*



*CSNS was well represented at the ANA. Fran Lockwood, Helen Carmody-Lebo, Jerry Lebo, Ray Lockwood, John Wilson and Roger Winkelhake.*



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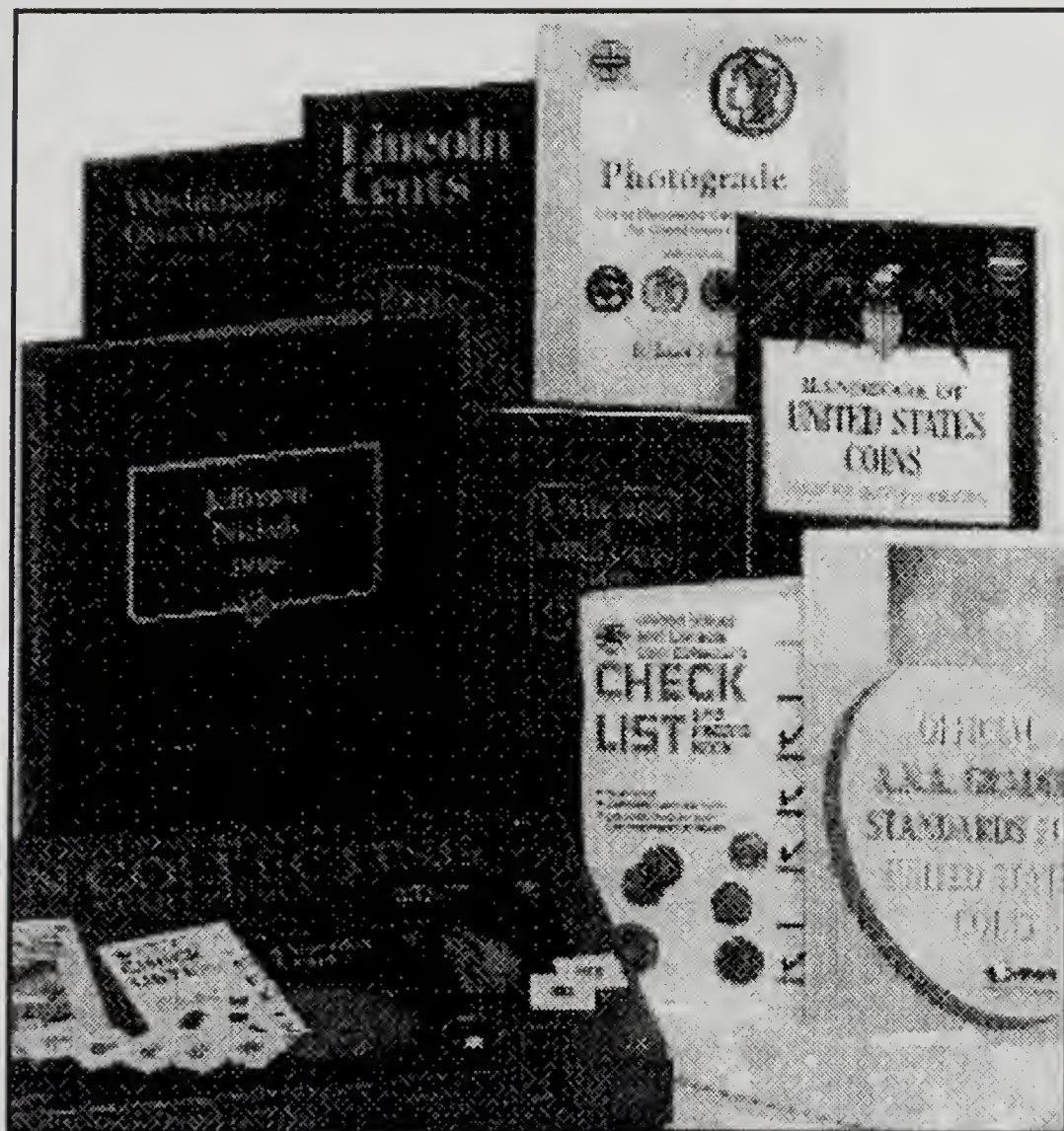
*At the ANA convention in Chicago, Karen Jach, J.T. Stanton and Bernice Pittman of Stanton Printing and Publishing, Savannah, GA.*



*Jim Moores of Missouri, CSNS editors Karen and Jim Jach, and Ron and Phyllis Calkins enjoyed a "Day in the Country" in Iola, Wisconsin.*



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## 1999 SHOW CALENDAR

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Omaha Coin Club 40th Annual Coin Show, Holiday Inn Central, 1-80 & 72nd St., Omaha, NE. Tim Taysen, P.O. Box 435, Bellevue, NE 68005-0435. 1-800-320-6902

### **Wahoo, Nebraska – October 31**

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### **Kalamazoo, Michigan – November 6**

Kalamazoo Numismatic Club Annual Coin Show, Kalamazoo County Fairgrounds, County Center Building, Room E, 2900 Lake St., Kalamazoo, MI. Peter Dame, 119 Marigold, Portage, MI 49002. 616-327-7314

## 2000 SHOW CALENDAR

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Muncie Coin & Stamp Club's 43rd Annual Show, 2200 University Ave., Student Center, 2nd floor, Cardinal Hall, Muncie, IN. Ray Saylor, P.O. Box 1184, Muncie, IN 47302. 765-288-0371

### **Waukesha, Wisconsin – March 19**

Waukesha Coin Club Annual Coin Show, Elks Lodge, 2301 Springdale Road, Waukesha, WI 53186. Forrest Schumacher 414-542-3934



### **Rosemont, Illinois – April 6-9**

Chicago International Coin Fair 25th Annual Show, Ramada O'Hare Hotel, 6600 N. Mannheim Road, Rosemont, IL. Kevin Foley, P.O. Box 573, Milwaukee, WI 53201. 414-421-3484, Fax 414-423-0343

### **Milwaukee, Wisconsin – April 13-15**

South Shore Coin Club's 36th Annual Show, Four Points Hotel, Sheraton Milwaukee Airport, 4747 S. Howell Ave., Milwaukee, WI Annette Tramte, 2368 S. 59th St., West Allis, WI 53219. 414-541-7028

### **Minneapolis, Minnesota – May 4-7**

Central States Numismatic Society's 61st Annual Convention. Jerry Lebo, P.O. Box 841, Logansport, IN 46947. 219-753-2489.

### **Omaha, Nebraska – September 3-4**

NATCA National Token & Medal Show, Holiday Inn Convention Center, I-80 & 72nd St., Omaha, NE. Chuck Berger, P.O. Box 1003-DTS, Omaha, NE 68101-1003. 402571-5758

## **Attention, Coin Clubs!**

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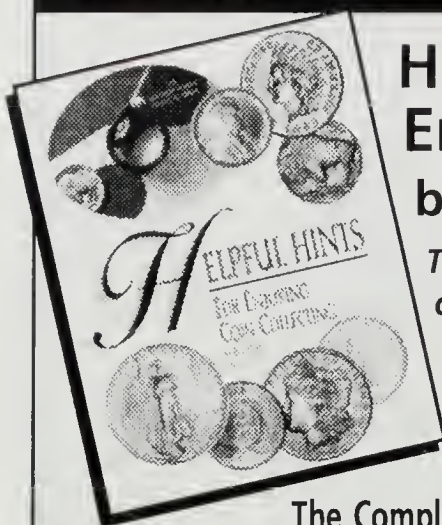
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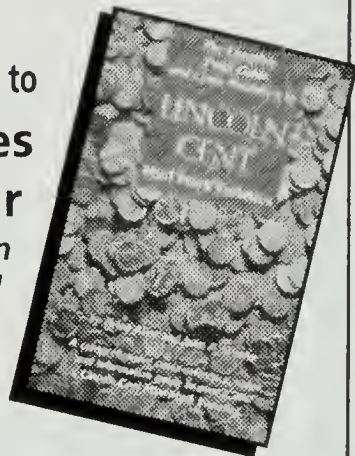
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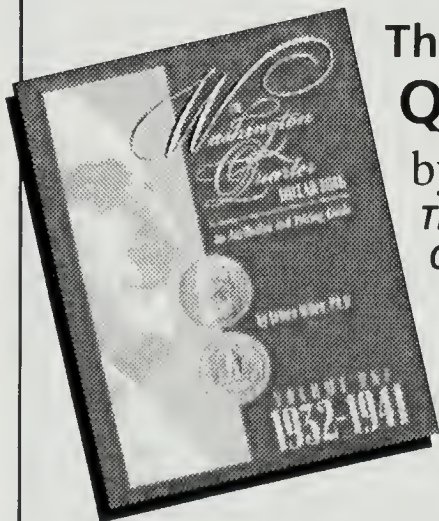
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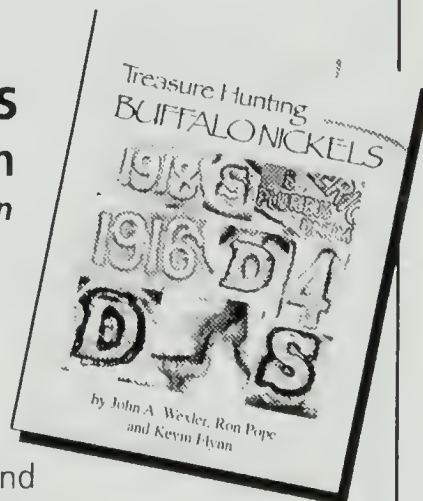
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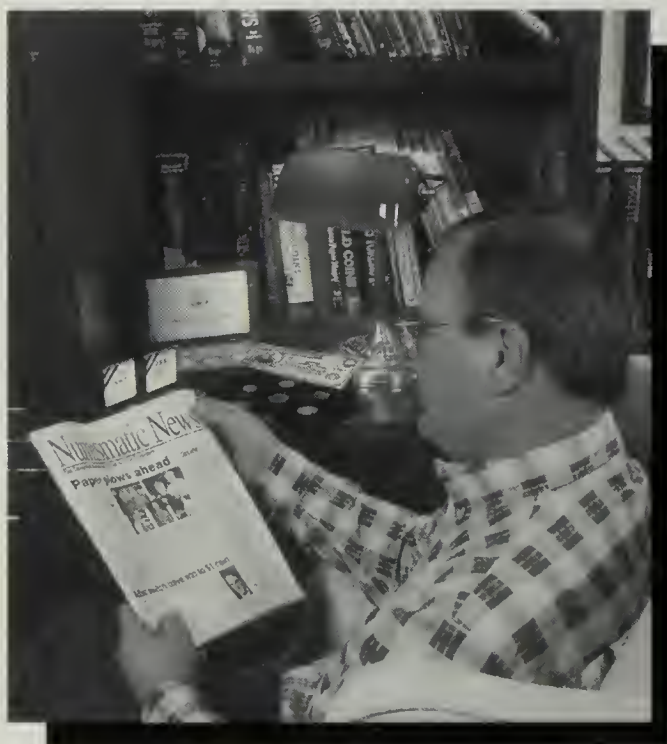


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